

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : KANE, Michael T.
Application No.:
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Title : Panel Attachment System

Asheville, North Carolina
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102, applicant, through its undersigned attorney, hereby petitions to make the divisional patent application filed concurrently herewith special on the basis of actual infringement. The \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR § 1.17(h)) accompanies this petition.

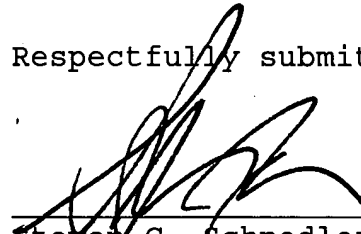
In support of this petition, the undersigned attorney hereby states as follows:

- (a) There is an infringing product actually on the market;
- (b) A rigid comparison of the infringing product with the claims of the application has been made and, in my opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and

(c) That I have made a careful and thorough search of the prior art and believe that I have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

The references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims are identified on forms PTO-1449 accompanying the application as filed by way of Information Disclosure Statement, and full-text copies of all non-U.S. publications are included with the Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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